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SUBJECT : REPUBLIC OF GUINEA'S ATTITUDES ON LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF PRESENCE PORTUGUESE TROOPS IN GUINEA BISSAU

REF: USUN 3481

1. THE ATTITUDE OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA CONCERNING THE LEGAL EFFECT OF THE PRESENCE OF PORTUGUESE TROOPS IN GUINEA BISSAU AFTER THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY THE PAIGC WAS STATED CATEGORICALLY IN THE SEPT 28 EDITION OF HOROYA, THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF GUINEA'S ONLY POLITICAL PARTY. INCLUDED IN THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH OF PRES TOURE'S DELEGATE TO THE PAIGC INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES IS THE STATEMENT "...THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA AFFIRMS THAT FROM THIS DATE (SEPTEMBER 24) THE PRESENCE OF PORTUGUESE TROOPS ON THE TERRITORY OF GUINEA BISSAU CONSTITUTES THE INVASION OF AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN COUNTRY BY FOREIGN TROOPS AND DRAWS FROM THIS FACT THE CONSEQUENCES THAT SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE."

2. COMMENT: FOR SOME TIME THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS OF TROOPS FROM CUBA OR OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES COMING TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE
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THE PAIGC. DECLARING THE PORTUGUESE INVADERS SEEMS TO CLEAR

AWAY ANY LEGAL OBSTACLES TO SUCH ASSISTANCE IN TGA MINDS OF
POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS.
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